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EXEMPTION OF FILMS FROM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to exempt the films which are included in the film festivals from the requirement of certificate from Central Board of Film Certificate;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the exemption would include the foreign films also?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a): The Government has taken a policy decision to support film festivals by according exemption from certification to certain categories of films. However, this is subject to a formal application to the Ministry of I&B and fulfillment of some prerequisites.

(b)& (c) : A broad-based Committee comprising academicians, officials and members of the film industry was constituted to look into the matter regarding exemption from the process of certification of films entered into the various film festivals. The Committee's report was accepted by the Government and it was decided that all films entered into various film festivals in India, including foreign and Indian films, would be considered for exemption from the process of certification under Section 9 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 provided they are confined to delegates and the festival is non-commercial in nature.